

SENATE RESOLUTION 86

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rubye Mae McTizic for a lifetime of community service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Rubye Mae McTizic is one such estimable individual who has dedicated the greater part of her time and energies to improving the lives of those around her; and

WHEREAS, born in Hardeman County and raised in Bolivar, Rubye Mae McTizic was one of eleven children born to her school-teacher parents; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Allen White High School in Whiteville, Mrs. McTizic relocated to Detroit, Michigan, to study the fine art of cosmetology and open her own beauty shop; and

WHEREAS, Rubye McTizic married the love of her life, James McTizic, a veteran of the United States Army, in 1961 and the loving couple enjoyed many years of blissful marriage until he went onto his great reward in 2011; and

WHEREAS, listening to their entrepreneurial spirit, the McTizics decided to forge their own destiny and open a service station, with Mr. McTizic expertly operating the station and towing the cars and Mrs. McTizic skillfully maintaining the books and managing the business aspects of the enterprise; and

WHEREAS, after acquiring a reputation for integrity and excellent customer service, the couple decided in 1972 to close their profitable endeavor and return to Bolivar to be closer to their parents; and

WHEREAS, after the McTizics once again found success with their new business, Max's Delicatessen and Grocery, they decided to launch Mac's Supermarket in order to provide their friends and neighbors with a convenient location where they could purchase the highest quality food and products on the market; and

WHEREAS, when her husband heard the divine call to the ministry and became the head pastor at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rubye McTizic wholly devoted herself to communicating God's love to her community and congregation as a Sunday school teacher and her husband's secretary and office manager; and

WHEREAS, as the congregation continued to flourish, so did the need for Christ-centered child care; Mrs. McTizic established Mt. Zion Day Care to prepare young children for the rigors of school and give older children a safe haven to continue their learning and development after completing their school day; and

WHEREAS, Rubye McTizic, affectionately known as "Ms. Mac," continues to seek new ways to provide hope and lend a helping hand to her friends and neighbors; today, she brings her warm personality and calming demeanor to the residents of the Hardeman County Senior Center, visiting with and encouraging them several days a week; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McTizic is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Rubye McTizic is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Rubye Mae McTizic for her service to the people of her community and the State of Tennessee, thank her for all she has done to improve the lives of her fellow citizens, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.